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Security Council

Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

The 2nd meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly will be held *today*, 26 March 2010, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

A letter from the Co-Facilitators, dated 18 March 2010, was sent by facsimile to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Security Council

The Security Council Chamber and the Consultations Room are officially closed for renovations.

During the renovation period, the Interim Security Council Chamber will be located at GA-TSC-01 (former Conference Room 4), and the Interim Consultations Room will be at GA-TSC-02 (former Conference Room 5).

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International Donors' Conference Towards a New Future for Haiti

The International Donors' Conference Towards a New Future for Haiti will be held on Wednesday, 31 March 2010, at United Nations Headquarters. A note verbale, dated 18 March 2010, was sent to all permanent missions. Participants are requested t visit the Conference Web site at <www.haiticonference.org> to indicate their intentio to attend the Conference. The final list of participants will be based on registrations received.

Participants are invited to submit their pledges through an Online Pledge Module, which can be accessed on the Government of Haiti (GoH) Web portal at <www.refondation.ht>, as well as on the dedicated Conference Web site at <www.haiticonference.org>, until 4 p.m. UTC, on Monday, 29 March. All pledges that are pre-registered online will be treated confidentially until they are announced at the Conference.

Participants are also reminded that access to the Trusteeship Council Chamber will require a secondary access card issued by the Protocol and Liaison Service. Only participants who have registered online will be issued two access cards each, which will be available for collection at the office of Protocol and Liaison Service (room NL-2058), on Monday, 29 March, starting at 2 p.m.

Delegates with a valid United Nations grounds pass can access the Economic and Social Council Chamber from the 2nd floor, no secondary access card is required.

Standard accreditation procedures for registered Member States apply for this Conference.

[See page 6 for the tentative programme of the Conference.]

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

An informal interactive session on system-wide coherence ("Delivering as one") will take place on Monday, 29 March 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

An informal "informal" meeting on system-wide coherence (Working Group 2) will take place on Tuesday, 30 March, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Letters from the Co-Facilitators, dated 24 and 25 March 2010, were sent by facsimile to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

An updated version of the work plan on system-wide coherence can be found at <www.un.org/ga/president/64/issues/swc.shtml>.

General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

An informal "informal" meeting on scheduling of the meetings in accordance with resolutions 64/184 (Organization of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly), 64/199 (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of small Island Developing States) and 64/203 (Convention on Biological Diversity), will be held on Monday, 1 April 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
	Support account for peacekeeping operations	

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Ninety-eighth session

10–11 a.m.	2713th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)
	Organizational and other matters	[4]
	Announcement of Bureau decisions	

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Development Policy
Twelfth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)
2–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Fourth session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 26 March 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2010

The vice-presidency of the Council (Chile) will hold informal consultations on the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2010 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, *today*, 26 March 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

General Assembly

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Twenty-fifth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 26 March 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Friday, 26 March 2010

Southern African Development Community (SADC) (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases") (with Member States of the Commonwealth)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB

Group of 77 (on the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2010 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB

Joint Coordinating Committee of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 (on system-wide coherence)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB

Other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the 2010 International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Expressing our freedom through culture" (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

Commemorative student videoconference

From 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Acosta, DPI (e-mail acostay@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7214); or Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

UNU Current Affairs Lecture Series on "Social agenda in Latin America" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

From 9.45 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Ms. Noemí Pérez, UNU-ONY (e-mail perezvasquez@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 26 March 2010

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest*: Mr. Anthony Ohemeng-Boamah, newly appointed Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Guinea]

12.45 p.m. . . . . Members of the Human Rights Committee (on the occasion of the conclusion of the ninety-eighth session of the Committee)

International Donors' Conference Towards a New Future for Haiti
(Wednesday, 31 March 2010, Trusteeship Council Chamber)

Tentative programme

Opening session

9 a.m.	Welcome and opening remarks by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary of State of the United States of America and the President of Haiti
9.30 a.m.	Introductory remarks by Co-Chairs (Brazil, Canada, European Union, France, Spain) (chaired by the Secretary of State of the United States of America)
10 a.m.	Remarks on outreach consultations (Haitian Town Hall, Diaspora Conference, Private Sector Conference, NGO Conference, Local Government Conference, MINUSTAH Conference) (chaired by the United Nations Special Envoy for Haiti)
11 a.m.	Presentation on Haitian Plan and Needs by the Prime Minister of Haiti (chaired by the Secretary-General of the United Nations)
11.20 a.m.	Response by international institutions (chaired by the Secretary-General) Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme President of the World Bank President of the Inter-American Development Bank Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund President of the Caribbean Development Bank

Pledging sessions

11.45 a.m.	Pledging session (chaired by the Co-Chairs)
1 p.m. [lunch break]	
2 p.m.	Pledging session (chaired by the Co-Chairs)

Closing session

5 p.m.	Closing remarks by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary of State of the United States of the America and the President of Haiti

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 29 March 2010

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

10 a.m. 81st plenary meeting Conference Room 2 (NLB)

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/596/Add.1) [130]
2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/548/Add.2) [132]
3. Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/724) [138]

4. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B, 59/272: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/723)

5. Administration of justice at the United Nations: report of the Fifth Commi (A/64/582/Add.1)

6. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Seri of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Form since 1991: letter from the President of the Security Council (A/64/727)

7. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: requ inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by the Secretary-General (A

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

2010 substantive session

The 2010 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held Monday, 29 March, to Friday, 16 April 2010. The opening meeting will tak Monday, 29 March, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Delegations inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Secretariat (tel. 2378). The Secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could commu Department of General Assembly and Conference Management (fax 1 (21 *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Conferences

Organizational session for 2010

The organizational session for the 2010 of the Committee on Conferences w Tuesday, 30 March 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). The provi for the session is contained in document A/AC.172/2010/L.1. The reports fo consideration by the Committee are contained in document A/AC.172/2010/

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Confer 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to partic observers in the organizational session are invited to send a request in writ Ms. Mildred Fernandes, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (e-ma fernandes3@un.org).

2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation Nuclear Weapons

The 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proli Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 3, to Friday, 28 May 2 United Nations Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Mo at 10.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The Review Conference will hold its general debate from 3 p.m. on Monda to 6 p.m. on Thursday, 6 May. The list of speakers for the general debate is parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; fax 1 (212) 963-8892).

States parties are kindly requested to send the credentials of their delegations *not later than Monday, 26 April 2010*, to the provisional Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Thomas Markram (Office for Disarmament Affairs, room DN-3501A, United Nations, New York). In accordance with rule 2 of the draft rules of procedure to be adopted by the Conference, credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Further information for speakers, as well as accreditation and registration procedures, are contained in the Information Note NPT/CONF.2010/INF/1*, which has already been circulated and is available on the Web site of the 2010 NPT Review Conference <www.un.org/en/conf/npt/2010>.

Committee on Contributions

Seventieth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventieth session at Headquarters from Monday, 7, to Friday, 25 June 2010.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly no later than *Friday, 21 May 2010*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (room FF-610, 304 East 45th Street; tel. 1 (212) 963-5306 or 963-5866; fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248 of the Assembly. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development

Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 12, to Friday, 16 April 2010. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 12 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2010/1 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2010/L.1. Background information and official documents before the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2010/comm2010.htm>.

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room IN-0606C).

The general discussion, under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: health, morbidity, mortality *and development*), will be held on

Tuesday, 13 April 2010. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold an informal consultation on the UNDP evaluation policy and management response on Tuesday, 6 April 2010, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold an informal briefing on UNDP's work on capacity development on Monday, 19 April 2010, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 29 March 2010, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

Tuesday, 30 March 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases") (organized by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM))

Tuesday, 30 March 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

UNITAR orientation course for new members of permanent missions on the work of the United Nations

Monday, 5 April 2010, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB);

Tuesday, 6 April 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB);

Wednesday, 7 April 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Conference Room 8 (NLB);

Thursday, 8 April 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB); and

Friday, 9 April 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

United Nations Development Programme (second meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2010*)

Monday, 5 April 2010, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Discussion forum on "Social media" (for members of the Committee on Information) (organized by the Department of Public Information)

Monday, 29 March 2010, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hasan Ferdous, DPI (e-mail ferdous@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6555).]

Thematic seminar on "The 10-year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Patterns" (in preparation for the upcoming eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development) (organized by the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Tuesday, 30 March 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier, Division fo. Sustainable Development (e-mail carpentier@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-8388); or visit <http://bit.ly/9WdiIn>.]

Briefing and consultation on "Peacekeeping Law Reform Project (University of Essex)" (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

Tuesday, 30 March 2010, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ben Steele, Permanent Mission of New Zealand (e-mail ben.steele@mfat.govt.nz; tel. 1 (212) 317-3097).]

UNU Midday Forum on "Obama and the world: One year later" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Tuesday, 30 March 2010, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Alberto García-Mogollón, UNU-ONY (e-mail garcia-mogollon@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on "Matters related to the continuation of the Internet Governance Forum" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 30 March 2010, from 3 to *4.30 p.m.* in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[Participation is open to all Member States and entities accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). For further information, please contact Ms. Elvira Doyle, DESA (e-mail doylee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8377); or Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro, DESA (e-mail aquaro@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4524).]

Announcements

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on the United Nations Standby Arrangements System with Cyprus

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, H.E. Mr. Markos Kyprianou, and the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Mr. Alain Le Roy, will sign the Memorandum of Understanding on the United Nations Standby Arrangements System. The ceremony will take place on Monday, 29 March 2010, at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room Hédi Annabi (DC1-1588).

Shared natural resources (questionnaire on oil and gas)

Delegations are reminded of circular note No. LA/COD/45 of 9 November 2009 drawing attention to the questionnaire on oil and gas prepared by the International Law Commission, as well as to its request for any other comments and information on oil and gas, including, in particular, whether or not the Commission should address the subject. The Secretariat would appreciate receiving replies, as appropriate, to the questionnaire and to the additional aspects, as soon as possible, and *not later than Wednesday, 31 March 2010*.

Delegations may send their comments to the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (room M-13065; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). In addition, it would be appreciated if an electronic version of the comments could also be sent to ilcweb@un.org.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2010 will be held in April, in Conference Room D (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, 28 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*;

Wednesday, 28 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*;

Thursday, 29 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*;

Thursday, 29 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*;

Friday, 30 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*; and

Friday, 30 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 24 March 2010

General Assembly

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Ninety-eighth session

2709th meeting

Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports and to views under the Optional Protocol [8]

The Committee adopted the progress report of the Special Rapporteur for follow-up to concluding observations.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [10]

The Committee considered communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant in closed session.

2710th meeting (closed)

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [7]

The Committee adopted concluding observations on the third periodic report of Uzbekistan.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [10]

The Committee considered communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

Thursday, 25 March 2010

General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

80th plenary meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]

The General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 116 and proceed immediately to its consideration.

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade: draft decision (A/64/L.50) . . . . . [116]

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement on programme budget implications of draft decision A/64/L.50.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/64/L.50.

The Acting President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information made a statement, on behalf of the Secretary-General.

The General Assembly decided, without setting a precedent, to invite Professor Tony Bogues of Brown University to make a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Equatorial Guinea (on behalf of the Group of African States), Afghanistan (on behalf of the Group of Asian States) and Ukraine (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States).

The General Assembly heard a reading of the autobiography of Olaudah Equiano known as "Gustavus Vassa, the African" by Ms. Elsie Chounoune.

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Germany (on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States) and the United States (as host country).

The General Assembly heard a musical performance by Ms. Lawri Lala Moore, President of the United Nations Jazz Society.

The representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier, Professor Tony Bogues of Brown University made a statement.

The General Assembly heard a musical performance by Ms. Kaissa Doumbe Moulongo and Mr. Anthony Cedras.

The General Assembly thus concluded the special commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 116.

General Assembly

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

Ninety-eighth session

2711th meeting *General comments of the Committee* . . . . . [9]

The Committee discussed the draft general comment No. 34 on article 19 of the Covenant.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [7]

The Committee adopted concluding observations on the fifth periodic report of New Zealand, in closed session.

2712th meeting

Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports and to views under the Optional Protocol [8]

The Committee adopted the report of the Special Rapporteur for follow-up to views.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [7]

The Committee completed the adoption of its concluding observations on the fifth periodic report of New Zealand, in closed session.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [10]

The Committee considered communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant, in closed session.

Corrigendum

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Fourth session

Burundi configuration

Corrigendum to the summary of the 1st meeting of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission (see *Journal* No. 2010/57, p. 16): the second paragraph under agenda item 2 *should read* as follows:

> The Executive Representative of the Secretary-General ad interim in Burundi, Ms. Bintou Keita, made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Treaty Section — Documents
General information

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

> Depositary Notifications (CNs) will be available electronically only and the print versions will be discontinued as of *Thursday, 1 April 2010*.

The CNs will continue to be accessible on the Web site of the United Nations Treaty Collection <http://treaties.un.org>, under "Depositary Notifications (CNs)". In addition, the permanent missions, as well as all other interested individuals, are urged to subscribe to receive depositary notifications electronically by e-mail through the Treaty Section's "Automated CN Subscription Service", which is also available at <http://treaties.un.org>.

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Any comments or questions regarding the above should be addressed to Ms. Annebeth Rosenboom, Chief, Treaty Section (e-mail rosenboom@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2010* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Equatorial Guinea
H.E. Mr. Anatolio Ndong Mba

Asian States:
Afghanistan
H.E. Mr. Zahir Tanin

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Panama
H.E. Mr. Pablo Antonio Thalassinós

Western European and other States:
Germany
H.E. Mr. Peter Wittig

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